

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 10, as follows:

--To transfer the retaining ring 21 into the positioning groove 23 beneath the protrusion 26[[7]], the starter drive assembly 10 is moved in the direction of the arrow F1 so that the rear end 25 of the bushing 18 axially pushes the ring 21 along the shaft segment 27 toward the reducer 13 until engaging it in the positioning groove 23. It is thus possible to insert the retaining ring 21 in the positioning groove 23 located in a private service area with radial access, and without increasing the longitudinal size of the starter. As it moves along the shaft segment 27, the ring 21 opens progressively, then recloses when it falls into the groove 23.--